

The Sunnyside District Tour on October 12th, 2006 was successful from many perspectives. Yolanda Herrera did a good job of portraying the diversity of and issues important to her Neighborhood Association and the larger Sunnyside School District. The Mayor attended the tour, as did representatives from other Ward Offices. Some of the City departments were represented, such as Police, Fire, Transportation, Neighborhood Resources, and the City Manager's Office. The interaction between all the participants was really helpful to better understand the Sunnyside area.

The Transportation Department has been very successful in addressing the Sunnyside Neighborhood concerns with regard to speeding and cut through traffic. The area has had numerous Neighborhood Traffic Management Programs which have been completed. During the tour Ms. Herrea brought up the following issues that still need to be addressed.

1. Yolando requested that the City install gates at a number of alleys. The City has worked with Ward I to gate a number of alleys in the Sunnyside Neighborhood. The gates were funded with B2B funds. In the past they have gone through a petition process and then we work with the different City Agencies and Utilities for approvals. I reminded her of the petition process and if anyone of the residents are serious about the gates we will work with them.
2. Yolando pointed out a portion of Rodeo Wash from 12th Avenue to I19 that needs to be weeded. I will forward this request to Streets.
3. She made a specific request for a traffic signal at Drexel and Calle Santa Cruz and requested left turn arrows at two locations Campbell and Drexel, Park and Drexel. I will forward this request to Bob Hunt to schedule a signal warrant study and left turn arrow warrant studies.

The Department of Neighborhood Resources began a targeted enforcement effort in the Sunnyside area on August 14. Approximately one-third to one-half of the area had received an initial inspection prior to the tour. While on the tour, locations of probable violations were noted. The probable violations primarily concerned junk motor vehicles, vacant, burned, and/or boarded houses, excessive vegetation, and trash. We are cross referencing the specific sites noted on the tour with locations already visited by the Inspectors.

Overall Ms. Herrera was very positive with the action the City has taken and we will continue to work with her.